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TAKE YOUR SHOT

November 20: 46,31,286 doses

November 21: 60,25,558 doses

TOTAL DOSES: 116,42,50,274

NATIONWIDE	NOV 19	NOV 20
Fresh cases	11,106	10,302
Recoveries	12,789	11,787
Deaths	459	267

KARNATAKA	NOV 19	NOV 20
Fresh cases	242	213
Recoveries	329	370
Deaths	4	5

SERVICE PROVIDERS CAN NOW VERIFY YOUR VACCINE STATUS

With your consent, IRCTC, travel and entertainment agencies and employers can conduct checks before providing a service

FACILITATING TRAVEL AND IN-PERSON WORK

The Union Health Ministry activated a CoWIN feature on Saturday that lets private and government agencies use your name and mobile number to validate your status (fully, partially or not vaccinated). Their attempt will trigger an OTP that you have to share with the service provider. The government said this will help in making travel and in-person work safer

SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH COMPONENT

- This feature also lets you share your vaccination status from CoWIN on social media and inspire others to take their doses
- The Union government is determined to accelerate the pace of Covid-19 vaccination. With 21.65 crore doses not yet used by states and UTs, the CoWIN feature could boost vaccine uptake

44 CR

PEOPLE AGED 18-44 GOT 1ST DOSE; ONLY 18.9 CR GOT THE 2ND IN THIS AGE GROUP

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FARMER UNIONS DECIDE TO PRESS AHEAD WITH STIR

Lucknow Mahapanchayat on Monday, daily tractor march to Parliament from Nov 29

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

A day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the repeal of the three contentious farm laws and appealed to the agitating farmers to return home, the plea appeared to have fallen on deaf ears as the Samyukt Kisan Morcha, an umbrella body of farmers' unions, on Saturday said they will continue the protests, including the mahapanchayat in Lucknow on November 22, tractor march on November 29 and other rallies. The morcha announced the decision after a meeting of the unions to discuss the future course of action.

"The Lucknow mahapanchayat and the tractor march will continue. We will also celebrate one year of the protest at the Singhu border," the SKM said. Terming the PM's announcement on Friday a one-sided affair, the leaders said, "Until we are satisfied, the protest will continue."

Earlier this month, the SKM had announced its plan to observe one year of the agitation. It said 500 farmers would take out tractor marches to Parliament every day during the winter session starting November 29.

Gurnam Singh Charuni, a union leader, said the issues of the minimum support price, cases registered against farmers and compensation to the families of deceased farmers would be discussed again on Sunday.

The SKM reiterated that its agitation was not just against the repeal of the three laws but also for a statutory guarantee for remunerative prices for all farm produce.

"We will present these views to the government whenever it talks to the farmers. e have said that the talks should continue. If this issue is heading towards a resolution, it should go that way," Bharatiya Kisan Union leader Rakesh Tikait said. P11

K'taka hits 7 cr jab mark; 75% vaxxed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA hit the seven crore Covid vaccination mark on Saturday, crossing nearly 75 per cent of the 9.5 crore vaccinations targeted for the adult population in the state.

With over 4.32-crore adults having received the first dose, 90 per cent have been covered by at least one dose. The state government is targeting to vaccinate the entire eligible adult population with at least one dose by November-end and 75 per cent of both doses by December-end. "The state has achieved another milestone of administering seven crore cumulative doses. We are not leaving any stone unturned to ensure we vaccinate the entire adult population by the end of the year. I request people to come forward to take the second dose without any hesitation," said Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar.

The state government is partnering with NGOs and working with ASHA workers and ensuring they knock on every door as part of their 'Har Ghar Dastak' campaign to make sure that they convince every eligible adult to take the second dose. P6

NEW NORMS

- Children aged under 5 exempted from both pre-and post-arrival Covid testing; But, if found symptomatic, shall undergo tests
- Fully-vaccinated travellers, from countries with which India has arrangements for WHO-approved vaccines, allowed to leave airport; No home quarantine
- Partially-vaccinated travellers need to submit swab sample

ARYAN KHAN

HC FINDS NO EVIDENCE IN DRUGS CASE

The Bombay High Court, in its detailed order granting bail to Aryan Khan and two others in the drugs case, has said prima facie, it has not found any positive evidence against the accused | P11

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IPS officer fined ₹10K for delaying RTI details

BENGALURU: A senior IPS officer in Karnataka has been fined ₹10,000 for not providing details on action taken against those involved in manual scavenging, sought under the Right to Information (RTI) Act. The officer penalised is Ram Nivas Sepat, the former Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIGP) of the Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP). P7

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Gehlot to rejig cabinet, may end row with Pilot

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

IN what could end the tussle between Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot and former deputy CM **Sachin Pilot**, at least for now, the much delayed cabinet reshuffle is likely to take place on Sunday with at least five Pilot loyalists finding a berth in the ministry. There can be a maximum of 30 ministers.

Gehlot held a cabinet meeting on Saturday evening and took the resignations of all his ministers, paving the way for the CM and the Congress high command to reorganize the ministry in the way they deem fit. The cabinet meeting was preceded by a resolution moved by state PCC chief and education minister Govind Dotasra, which suggested that all ministers resign. This was promptly approved.

Talking to media after the meeting, transport minister Pratap Singh Khachariyawas said, "We have submitted our resignations to Ashok Gehlot and all the MLAs have been asked to be present at the party office at 2 pm on Sunday. Whatever will be decided by the CM and the party high command will be followed." P12

12.9k Bitcoins encashed by netas, cops, claims activist

CHETANA BELAGERE @ Bengaluru

SKELETONS continue to tumble out of the closet of hacker Srikrishna Ramesh alias Sriki's multicrore Bitcoin scam that has snowballed into a political controversy. On Saturday, RTI activist AR Ashok Kumar Adiga alleged that senior police officers, including Joint Commissioner of Police Sandeep Patil and Police Commissioner Kamal Pant, ignored his "complaint against corruption in the drug case by police officials and influential politicians." Ashok said that complete details of the complaint have been sent to the Prime Minister Office, Union Home Minister and Union Home Secretary.

After sharing the complaint copy dated April 22, 2021 along with images of WhatsApp chats claiming to be sent to Sandeep Patil and Deputy Commissioner of Police, Central Crime Branch, BS Angadi, Ashok said that though he had flagged the scam as early as April, no action was taken. P4

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